EXHIBIT A

O5GVHWA1 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 2 -----x UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 3 22 CR 240 (AKH) V. 4 SUNG KOOK HWANG and PATRICK 5 HALLIGAN, Defendants. Trial 6 7 New York, N.Y. May 16, 2024 10:05 a.m. 8 Before: 9 HON. ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN, 10 District Judge 11 -and a jury-**APPEARANCES** 12 DAMIAN WILLIAMS, 13 United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York 14 BY: MATTHEW D. PODOLSKY ANDREW M. THOMAS 15 ALEXANDRA ROTHMAN SAMUEL ROTHSCHILD 16 Assistant United States Attorneys 17 FRIEDMAN KAPLAN SEILER ADELMAN & ROBBINS LLP Attorneys for Defendant Halligan 18 BY: MARY MULLIGAN TIMOTHY HAGGERTY 19 BONNIE BAKER ANIL VASSANJI 20 RUPITA CHAKRABORTY 21 KRAMER LEVIN NAFTALIS & FRANKEL LLP Attorneys for Defendant Hwang 22 BY: BARRY H. BERKE DANI R. JAMES 23 JORDAN L. ESTES MICHAEL MARTINEZ 24 MICHELLE BEN-DAVID SHAKED SIVAN 25 DAYNA CHIKAMOTO

1 On behalf of Mr. Halligan, we have no questions for 2 Mr. Jones. 3 Thank you very much, Mr. Haggerty. THE COURT: 4 Mr. Thomas, redirect. Any? MR. THOMAS: Very briefly, your Honor. 5 6 Sorry to spoil the mood. 7 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. THOMAS: 8 Mr. Jones? 9 0. 10 Α. Yes. 11 How many times did you advise Mr. Hwang on how much Viacom 12 to buy? 13 Α. I never advised Mr. Hwang on how much Viacom to buy. 14 Or at what prices? Q. 15 Α. No. 16 Now, you were just asked some questions by Ms. James about 17 a proposal by Archegos to the banks that the banks would pay for the Archegos deferred comp. Do you remember that subject? 18 THE COURT: He remembers. 19 20 A. Yes. 21 THE COURT: It was two minutes ago. 22 Was there any proposal to ask Mr. Hwang to pay for the 23 deferred compensation of his employees? 24 MS. BAKER: Objection. 25 THE COURT: Overruled.

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1 Well, there was a discussion around Mr. Hwang being able to 2 contribute and help the employees as part of that and to potentially fund that, yes. 3 4 And he didn't do it, did he? Q. 5 Α. He did not. 6 MR. THOMAS: Nothing further. 7 THE COURT: Thank you. You are excused, Mr. Jones. 8 THE WITNESS: Okay. 9 THE COURT: Thanks very much. 10 (Witness excused) 11 THE COURT: Our next witness, please. 12 MR. ROTHSCHILD: United States calls Jennifer Miranda. 13 THE COURT: Let's all pay attention to the oath. 14 JENNIFER MIRANDA, 15 called as a witness by the Government, having been duly sworn, testified as follows: 16 17 THE COURT: You may inquire, Mr. Rothschild. 18 MR. ROTHSCHILD: Thank you, your Honor. DIRECT EXAMINATION 19 20 BY MR. ROTHSCHILD: 21 Good afternoon, Ms. Miranda. 22 Where do you work? 23 I work at Jefferies Financial Group. Α. 24 What's Jefferies? 0.

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